

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments, filed 2/29/08, have been fully considered and are persuasive. The Final Rejection of 08/23/2007 has been withdrawn.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 9-17, 19-20, 23-34, and 36-38 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Thomas (U.S. Pat. No. 6,601,181) in view of Schelling (U.S. Pat. No. 6,954,864) teaches the method and system of claims 1, 15, 30 and 33, however, neither Thomas nor Schelling teach the canceling of the timer by the BIOS as part of a resume process in response to an AC power being re-present. Yance teaches the canceling of a timer in response to an AC re-present condition, however fails to teach cancelling by the BIOS the timer as part of a resume process. At least this further limitation is not taught or rendered obvious by the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Rutland-Wallis whose telephone number is 571-272-5921. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30AM-6:00PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Sherry can be reached on 571-272-2084. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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